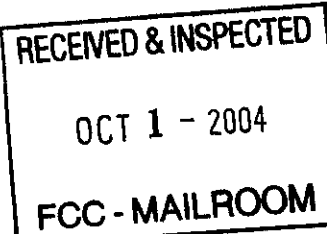


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RE: Rate comparability review and certification for areas served by non-rural areas
In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter serves as the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) certification to the Federal Communications Commission that the KCC has determined that residential rates in rural areas of Kansas served by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Kansas (SBC), Kansas' non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, for purposes of Section 254(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as shown on Attachment 1 to this letter.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.316(d), the KCC notes that as of July 1, 2004, local service rates for SBC Kansas were \$16.25 per month in rate groups 1 & 2, and \$15.70 per month in rate groups 3 & 4. When the end user common line charge, Federal and Kansas universal service fund assessments, taxes, 911 assessments and other charges are included, the monthly rural rate is \$27.72 for rate groups 1 & 2 and \$27.17 for rate groups 3 & 4. The rates are below the urban benchmark of \$34.16 per month established by the FCC.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the KCC.

Yours truly,

Robert E. Krehbiel, Commissioner
Kansas Corporation Commission

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Attachment

Comparability of Rural and Urban Rates
Docket 05-GIMT-112-GIT
SBC - Kansas Revised by KCC Staff
Rates as of 7/1/04

Rate Group	UNE Zone 1-Rural 2-Suburban 3-Urban	Monthly Residential Flat-Rate Service (incl Touchtone) [Note 1]	EUCL	FUSF	KUSF	Taxes, 911 and Other Charges [Note 2]	Total Monthly charge for Flat-Rate Service
1	1	\$ 16.25	\$ 5.21	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.28	\$ 27.72
2	1	\$ 16.25	\$ 5.21	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.28	\$ 27.72
3	1	\$ 15.70	\$ 5.21	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.28	\$ 27.17
4	2	\$ 15.70	\$ 5.21	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.28	\$ 27.17
Urban	3	\$ 15.70	\$ 5.21	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.28	\$ 27.17

Notes:

- [1] SBC's 2004 Price Cap Filing effective 10/01/04 in docket 05-SWBT-152-MIS, reduces the rates for RGs 1 & 2 to \$15.70.
- [2] Used average "Taxes, 911 and Other Charges" from FCC analysis of Residential Rates for Local Service in Urban Areas", Table 1.1 of FCC Reference Book issued July 1, 2004.